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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 CFR § 1.114**

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 previously filed on  
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- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
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**2. ☒ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently****3. Fees** (The RCE fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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